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Appl. No. 10/022,053  
Amdt. dated October 22, 2003  
Reply to Office action of June 25, 2003

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appl. No. : 10/022,053  
Applicant : W. Neuberger  
Filed : December 17, 2001  
Title : Partially Diffusing Optical Fiber  
Examiner : Gerard R. Strecker  
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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136**

Commissioner of Patents  
P.O. Box: 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that an Extension of Time be granted in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 to file a response to the Office Action dated June 25, 2003 in the above-identified application.

The required fee according to 37 CFR 1.17(a) -- Extension for response within first month (Small Entity)-\$55. Please charge this amount to deposit account no. **50-1693** in the name of CeramOptec Industries, Inc. A duplicate of this letter is included in this submission. Thank you.

Dated: October 22, 2003

CeramOptec Industries, Inc.  
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Respectfully submitted,

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